

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING Hostesses for this evening's Catholic card party are Mrs. Clayton, Chicoine, Dietlin, Young, Lewellen, Ames, Wilken, Moeller, Moffit, and Miss Opal Yorker. Everyone is cordially invited. The first door prize will be presented at 8:00 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge, pinchle and 500 will begin immediately. Refreshments will be served.

MISSIONARY COUNCIL MEETING PLANNED The Christian Church Missionary and Council meetings will be held at the church Tuesday, Dec. 4. The Council meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Nelle Phillips, president beginning at 11:00 a. m. Following a noon luncheon, Mrs. C. B. King will preside at the Missionary meeting with Mrs. Emma Horton, as leader.

Navy Base At Harbor Will Employ 7000

Designated by the Navy as the major Southern California base, the U. S. Naval Shipyard at Long Beach will employ a minimum of 7000 workers in peacetime, Commodore Schuyler F. Heim announced Saturday. The commandant also revealed that activities at Roosevelt Base will be stepped up instead of slackened by the end of the war.

Because of the importance of an adequate transportation system serving both the Navy facilities and the commercial interests on Terminal Island, Commodore Heim called a conference of representatives of municipal and state governments for Monday to discuss construction of a new span across Cerritos Channel, linking the island with Long Beach.

The Navy planned to spend \$10,000,000 of Congressional appropriations plus \$4,000,000 from the Public Roads Administration in building the bridge and freeway. However, Secretary Forrestal has disapproved the structure, stating that funds appropriated during the wartime cannot be expended for such a proposal in time of peace.

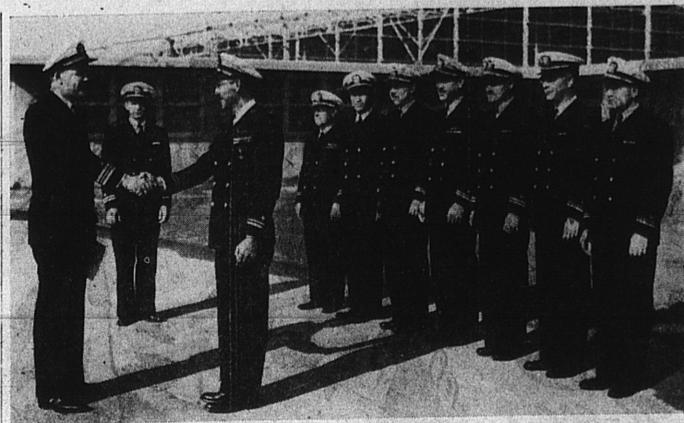
Disapproval does not mean that the project definitely has been abandoned and it might be done as a public works project either by the state or municipalities as well as by the government.

U. S. Sen. William F. Knowland, who will be in Long Beach Friday, on his first visit since his appointment, has assured friends here of his active and helpful interest in the project.

Declaring the Navy has a gigantic investment to protect on Terminal Island because of its many installations there, representatives of Los Angeles County and of the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor departments agreed at the meeting to send a committee to Washington to seek reinstatement of the \$14,000,000 freeway and bridge project.

At a closed conference in the office of Commodore S. F. Heim, commanding officer of the Naval Operating Base at Terminal Island, the representatives voted to send Supervisor Ray Darby, Arthur Edridge, manager of the Los Angeles Harbor Department, and W. R. Martin, chairman of the Long Beach Harbor Commission, to Washington.

SPENDING CHARGED Nearly one-fourth of all drivers in fatal accidents in 1944 were charged with a speed violation.



CEREMONIES AT NAVY CENTER... Two ceremonies marked activities of the past week at the U. S. Navy Material Redistribution Center in Torrance. One was the presentation of a Bronze Star by Lt. Comdr. Frederick E. Drake, Jr., officer in charge, to Lt. (j.g.) H. R. Speece and the other was the inspection by city officials and civic leaders of the plant Monday. Shown above are officers of the plant during the presentation ceremony, left to right, Commander Drake, Lt. Edwin G. Hansen, executive officer; Lieutenant Speece, who is material identification officer; Lt. (j.g.) Harry Moore, outgoing stores officer; Lt. D. A. Plumb, incoming stores officer; Lt. (j.g.) J. S. McKinley, accounting officer; Lt. (j.g.) James G. Evans, material identification officer; Lt. E. S. Hildner, storage officer; Lt. (j.g.) H. A. Wood, assistant storage officer, and Lt. (j.g.) A. R. Todd, labor and transportation officer. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Allen Will Manage Navy Cafeteria

Herbert C. Allen, local restaurant man, has signed a contract with the Navy department to operate the cafeteria at the U. S. Navy Material Redistribution Center in Torrance, it was announced this week by Lt. Comdr. Frederick E. Drake Jr., officer in charge of the center.

The cafeteria, part of the big 91-acre plant being built by the Navy to handle, recondition and reship, or sell surplus, obsolete or damaged Navy material, will be opened in about one week, according to Allen.

The modern cafeteria is designed to accommodate 80 diners at once. It will be open for eight hours a day, serving the some 150 Navy and civilian employees at the base with breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Meanwhile, Allen is putting the finishing touches on his new restaurant building at 1413 Cravens ave.

He said he will not be able to open the new restaurant until after the first of the year, due to the slowness of delivery of certain equipment.

The new Allen's restaurant will feature a "quick service" counter and a dining room, with seating accommodations for 100 persons.

He said that he will operate both the Navy cafeteria and his restaurant, when it gets into operation.

Six Months Wait To Get Possession Of House Facing New Purchasers

Buyers of houses in the Los Angeles defense rental area that are occupied by tenants will have to wait up to six months to get possession as a result of the recent tightening of evictions controls. Associate Area Rent Director C. H. Blaylock explained.

"The acute shortage of rental housing units requires that the tenant be given added protection in the form of ample time to find another place to live," he said.

Blaylock assured tenants that the end of rent control in this area is not, being contemplated.

"Recent tightening of our rent control and eviction safeguards show that we not only intend to continue our protection for tenants but also to strengthen them," Blaylock said. "Here's how our recently adopted rules on evictions will work in typical situations:

"1. A house occupied by a tenant is sold. Formerly the buyer had to get a certificate from the Area Rent Office and wait three months before he could go to court to evict a tenant. Now he must wait six months. Moreover, he still must pay at least 20 per cent down to get a certificate.

"2. The buyer of a home wants to demolish it, move it or remodel it so substantially that he cannot do the work while the tenant is occupying it. Formerly, he was required only to serve notice on the tenant and OPA and then proceed to evict according to local law. Now he must petition OPA and an appropriate waiting period will be fixed when the eviction certificate is issued. Only at the end of the waiting period may the landlord apply to the local court for an eviction order.

"3. A person who was the owner of a housing unit before Nov. 1, 1942, and who had been renting it wants to reoccupy it himself. Previously he could evict through action in a local court after proper notice to the tenant and OPA if he could show that he intended to live in the house himself. Now he must prove to the court that he has an immediate compelling necessity to recover possession. Those who cannot show a compelling necessity will be delayed six months. Veterans, however do not have to show a compelling need, but must show that they are acting in good faith."

Blaylock made it clear that the new regulations do not affect maximum rent provisions. Rent ceilings will continue to be the same amounts for which the housing units rented on March 1, 1942, the maximum rent date.

All of the new provisions as well as the old ones covering maximum rents apply throughout the Los Angeles Defense Rental Area.

High Rate Of Reemployment Indicated Here

More than half the persons filing claims for unemployment insurance at the Torrance employment office since V-J day have not continued their claims. This indicates a high rate of re-employment in this area.

Approximately 2,500 people now claiming benefits are still a problem to the relatively small staff of the local office, service, and prevent congestion even in the enlarged office space at 1828 Cravens st.

Frederick White, recently appointed unemployment insurance representative of this office, suggests that unemployed persons desiring work register with the United States Employment Service, which is also located in this building. Many jobs are available under certain conditions to workers so registered and actively seeking work until they are suitably re-employed.

White also recommends that unemployed persons desiring information as to job openings, or eligibility conditions for claiming unemployment insurance, apply at this office for correlative advice in this regard. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. for employment and unemployment insurance services. The office is also open from 8:30 to 12:00 noon on Saturday for employment service only.

Persons desiring to claim unemployment insurance benefits will find better service if they apply before 3:00 p. m. and during the latter part of the week, rather than on Monday and Tuesday, which are at present, the two busiest days in this office.

CLUB WOMEN PLAN RUMMAGE SALE Torrance Woman's Club will sponsor a rummage sale to be held all day at 1307 El Prado, (formerly Kenny's Shoe Repair Shop) Mrs. Myron Russell and Mrs. Chris Jones, co-chairmen, ask that clubwomen and their friends assist by sending in articles for sale as early as possible.

TRAIN ACCIDENTS Sixty-five per cent of the grade crossing accidents last year involved trains going less than 30 miles an hour or standing still.

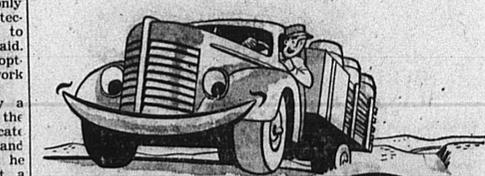
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Child Care Problems To Be Discussed

Problems and finances of maintaining state child care centers will be delved into when the assembly interim committee on education convenes in about two weeks, Assemblyman Julian Beck disclosed.

The committee, which recommended legislation to appropriate funds to run the center at a recent Los Angeles meeting, also requested that a special commission be organized of state and civic officials to study the child care center problem.

Assemblyman Gardner Johnson, Berkeley, chairman of the interim committee, pointed out that such centers would care for children that were abandoned, children whose mothers were their sole support and youngsters who were left in the lone care of their father.

Planning Body Is Formed By Palos Verdes

Organization of a Palos Verdes Estates Community Planning Commission has been completed with Dr. W. Ralph La Fayette as chairman. Members include Mrs. Peter Bartmus, Mrs. E. C. Rechin, Mrs. E. P. Hadley, Henry Thomas and O. C. Field. Ex-officio members are Mayor H. F. B. Roessler; Clifton A. Hix, president of the Rolling Hills Community Association; N. D. Myers, City School Superintendent; and Russell H. Green, Library Board president.

SPENDING FATAL A speed violation was reported for one out of every three fatal motor vehicle accidents in 1944.

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